

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

K-106  
MALI #151004264

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Manor Shores, Handy Point Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Manor Shores

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Hurst Purnell (Mr. &amp; Mrs.)

Telephone #:(301) 778-1377

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Handy Point

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: EHP 69

Folio #: 604

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT  
☒GOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPDED

**CHECK ONE**

—UNALTERED  
☒ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Handy Point House was originally constructed about 1800, probably by Marmaduke Tilden III. It was altered somewhat through the years, but in 1923 the building was greatly altered in the neo-classical style of that day. From its grand two story pediment and balcony, the house has a sweeping view of the Chesapeake Bay.

The main house is five bays long and one room (two bays) deep. It is a tall two and one-half stories with high water table and gable roof. Behind the house is a long ell of brick and frame.

The house is typical of its earliest period in form and detailing. The main facade (west) is laid in Flemish bond and the water table has upper course of cove molded brick and second course of quarter round brick. 6/6 sash windows are evenly spaced on the west facade and there is a central entrance. There are three original windows on the south gable; the two on the first floor have splayed, flat arches of gauged brick. Frames, some replaced, have beads and quarter round backband moldings. On the west facade are flat wood arches with key stones that date from the 1920's. Sills are rounded. Shutters are paneled on the first and louvered above; they are painted dark green.

The chimney on the north gable is entirely enclosed within the wall but that on the south gable projects about four inches and is stepped from the width of the chimney back to that of the chimney. Both have plain reconstructed caps.

In the 1923 remodeling the gable roof was modified into a T-shaped roof to cover the two story porte cochiere. The cornice with modillions and wall of troy molding dates from this time. The porte cochiere (now converted into a porch) is three bays wide and supported by square pillars.

There is a palladium-type window in the pediment of the portico and a suspended balcony at the second floor level. A flight of brick steps leads to a broad lawn.

Because the south wall appears to be continuous, the brick portion of the wing probably dates from the same period as the house although a catslide roof was flattened to install a bath. This is a simple one and one-half story wing with gable roof and 6/6 sash. A modern extension has lower gable roof with dormers and an enclosed porch.

The main entrance with fanlight, paneled jambs and old six-paneled door leads to a central stair hall. The stair is open to the third floor. There are carved step ends and turned newel and intermediates. The handrail and shadow are molded. In the stair hall wainscoting has raised and beveled panels. The spandrel has a single triangular panel.

The north parlor has a tabernacle open mantle with crossette panel and reeded pilasters. The mantle shelf is denticulated and rests on console bracketts.

In the south parlor is a handsome cupboard with 12 light, double glass doors and butterfly shelves. Lower door have raised and beveled panels; other paneling in this room is modern.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1800 constructed BUILDER/ARCHITECT  
 c. 1923 remodeled

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Handy Point House is significant because it incorporates two architectural periods into one handsome building. The original building represents architectural ideas popular in the end of the 18th century; the remodeling is a re-interpretation of the classical ideas which provide the philosophical foundation for both periods.

Marmaduke Tilden III who probably constructed the building was the great grandson of the Marmaduke Tilden of Great Oak Manor who immigrated in 1658. He died in 1816 and left the property to his daughter Mary, the wife of George D. S. Handy. The property remained in the Handy family for some time, receiving its name. In 1927 Mrs. Isaac H. Dixon purchased the building and remodeled it.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Forman, H.C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland,  
 Easton, Maryland, 1934.

Scarborough, Katherine, Homes of the Cavaliers, 1930.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

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**Account Identifier:** District - 06 Account Number - 011691

#### Owner Information

**Owner Name:** RICHARDSON, DAVID & CHERYL J. **Use:** AGRICULTURAL  
**Principal Residence:** YES  
**Mailing Address:** 22607 HANDY POINT RD **Deed Reference:** 1) MLM/ 86/ 518  
 CHESTERTOWN MD 21620 2) MLM/ 190/ 253

#### Location & Structure Information

**Premises Address**  
 22607 HANDY POINT ROAD  
 CHESTERTOWN 21620

**Legal Description**  
 LOT 16.94 AC  
 22607 HANDY POINT ROAD  
 W OF CHESTERTOWN

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	M1 279
18	4F	3						80	Plat Ref:	1/ 279

**Special Tax Areas** **Town Ad Valorem Tax Class**

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1800	5,959 SF	16.94 AC	
<b>Stories</b>	<b>Basement</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Exterior</b>
2 1/2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

#### Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2004	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
<b>Land:</b>	278,030	362,530			
<b>Improvements:</b>	846,610	914,530			
<b>Total:</b>	1,124,640	1,277,060	1,124,640	1,175,446	
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	

#### Transfer Information

<b>Seller:</b> PURNELL, J HURST JR & ELIZABETH D	<b>Date:</b> 11/14/1995	<b>Price:</b> \$760,000
<b>Type:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> MLM/ 86/ 518	<b>Deed2:</b> MLM/ 190/ 253
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

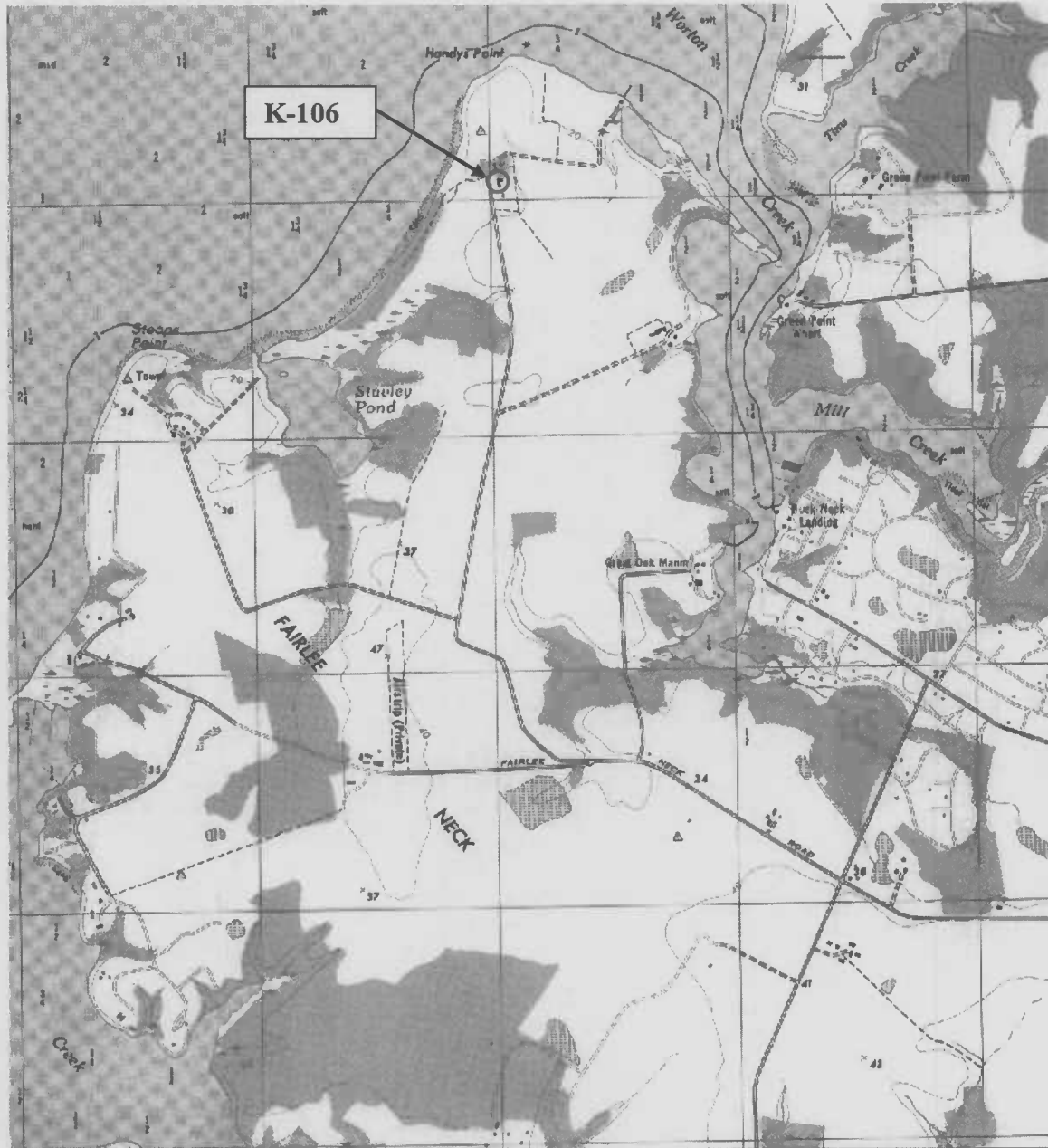
#### Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
<b>County</b>	000	0	0
<b>State</b>	000	0	0
<b>Municipal</b>	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**  
 AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX

K-106  
Handy Point  
(Green Hill)  
22607 Handy Point Road, Chestertown  
Hanesville Quadrangle





Handy Paint  
Handy Paint Rd.  
Chattanooga

MH TX-106

Facing West.  
C. Engstrom

Aug 1977





Handy Point M#T K106  
Handy Point Rd.

Chester town

First floor N.W.

C. Angstrom

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